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*Provincial Government servants lent for service in the Hyderabad Government.*

* 159 *Q.*—Sri S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Provincial Government servants (in various categories) engaged in Hyderabad in the administrations of occupied territories;

(*b*) whether their services have been 'lent' to the Government of India; and

(*c*) whether their salaries during their period of service in Hyderabad are paid out of Provincial revenues?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) A certain number of officers of this Government have been deputed to Hyderabad. Details are not furnished as it is not in the public interest to do so.

" (*b*) The services of these officers have been placed at the disposal of the Military Governor, Hyderabad.

" (*c*) No. The salaries of the officers are being paid by the Hyderabad Administration. "

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know when those officers are expected to come back? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" We will hear from the Hyderabad Government as to when they are returning them to us."

*Food controls still in force.*

* 160 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) what food controls are still in force in the Madras Province and whether he will lay on the floor of the House a list of the same together with a summary thereof; and

(*b*) what agency has been appointed to detect and report about the infringement of controls?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] showing the particulars required is placed on the table of the House.

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know from what dates these orders have been in force? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not see the dates here. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Sir, this is a very ancient interpellation which I sent in January 1948 when after de-control, some people were being prosecuted. After the prorogation of the Council

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in May, I repeated the questions. Therefore, it would be necessary, Mr. President, that Government should prepare a list like this every month and publish it in the newspapers so that the common man might understand what controls are in force."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I think the answer is dated 27th November 1948."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" In July, Government issued a Press Communiqué showing the controls then in force. But, now I find from the list that the number of controls has increased. Therefore, in the interests of the common man, the advocate and Judge who should know what controls are in force, it is expedient that Government should publish such a list every month in the *Madras Information* and also in the Madras Dailies."

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Government will consider the question when it is absolutely necessary. As far as the information about controls is concerned, I am sure that the magistracy and the judicial authorities are perfectly cognizant of the orders which the Government are issuing from time to time."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" I do not know whether the Hon. Minister is correct in his statement. Because I know there have been convictions even though some controls have been abolished long long ago. Therefore, Government have to bring to the notice of the prosecuting authorities as well as to the common man what control orders are in force from time to time? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN.—" I have already answered that the matter will be considered and if there are sufficient reasons, Government will publish the necessary information."

*The price of white sugar.*

* 161 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the price of white sugar per ton was during the control period up to 8th December 1947 ;

(*b*) whether the price was increased subsequently, and if so, to what amount and by whom and for what reasons ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have made any enquiry as to who is deriving the benefit of the enhanced prices—the management or shareholders or the money-lenders or the actual cultivators ; and what ratio of benefit is got by each class?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) It is not quite clear as to whether the hon. Member requires the price of sugar per ton in all the important markets of the Province during the control period or in the City of Madras only. However, as the Madras City is the chief marketing centre for sugar, the price of sugar which ruled in the city might be taken as a fair index of the sugar prices in other centres also